

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 23, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-58.

Double Patenting

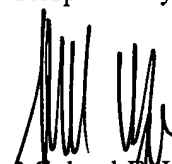
The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-58 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 39-96 of copending Application No. 10/997,834. Applicant disagrees that the copending application covers "identical subject matter" and notes that since the claim wording is not identical between the copending applications, the claims necessarily cover different subject matter and a nonstatutory double patenting provisional rejection is more appropriate. The Applicant has attached a terminal disclaimer in response to an anticipated nonstatutory double patenting provisional rejection. Applicant therefore requests that the provisional rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the amendments made herein do not add new matter and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request favorable reconsideration. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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